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Mr. Douglas J. Bennet
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations
Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Bennet:

The enclosed communication is respectfully referred for such consideration as it may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate.

Thanking you in advance for your report, and the return of the enclosure, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd

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U. S. Senator

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Enclosure: Letter from Mr. Richard Corvin, Box 293, Institute, W. Va. 25112.

Re assistance for Kim Dae Jung in Japan, political prisoners
Eduardo Cohen Pappe in Uruguay
Ex-Lieutenant Mohamed Bahu in Tanzania
Yosif Mikhailovich Terelya in the Ukraine
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ROBERT C. BYRD
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UNITED STATES SENATE

Senator Robert C. Byrd
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

As one of your constituents and as a contributor to Amnesty International of the U.S.A., I am sending you the following messages as I am trying to do anything I can to help free the persons named below from their unmerited suffering. I thank you in advance for your attention.

1. Regarding KIM DAE Jung, an opposition candidate against President Park Chung-hee. He was abducted from a Tokyo hotel, and, now in very poor health, he faces five years of imprisonment under very severe conditions.

2. Regarding Ricardo COHEN PAPPOL a student leader and journalist detained in Montevideo since the beginning of September. We have requested information on his whereabouts, that he be granted all legal safeguards and that his physical safety be guaranteed by

General Hugo LINARES BROM
Ministerio del Interior
Julio Herrera y Obes 1471
Montevideo, Uruguay

and by

Sr. Jefe del Estado Major Conjunto de las Fuerzas Armadas
Avenida 3 de Octubre 2626
Montevideo, Uruguay.

3. Regarding Abdulraiman Mohamed BABU, Tanzania's former minister of Economic Affairs, detained without charge or trial since 1972. His conditions of detention are very poor. We have appealed for his immediate release to

President Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere
State House
P.O. Box 9120
Dar-es Salaam, Tanzania

4. Regarding Iosif Mikhailovich TERELYA, a Ukranian dissenter who has described the abuses of psychiatry and other human rights in his country. He is now held in a psychiatric hospital in Beregovo being forcibly treated with drugs which are said to be often deleterious. We have appealed for his release to

The Director at the Beregovo Psychiatric Hospital; SSSR
Ukrainskaya SSR, Zakarpatskaya oblast.
Beregovsky raion, g. Beregovo Oblastnaya
Psikhaitricheskaya Bolnitsa Nachalniku and to

the chief doctor at the same institution. The address is the same except that the last word, Nachalniku, must be replaced with Glavnomu Vrachu

Regarding Danylo SHUMUK, a ~~Ukrainian nationalist~~ currently ~~serving a ten-years' imprisonment sentence~~ for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda": His health is probably endangered by chronic undernourishment and hard physical labor. He reportedly has stomach ulcers. He has five years' corrective labor and five years' internal exile left to serve. We have appealed for his release to

Mr. L.I. BREZHNEV, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU and Chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet (SSSR, RSFSR, Moskva, Kreml,
Generalnomu Sekretaryu Tsk KPSS i Predsedatelyu Prezidiuma ~~Verkhovnogo Verkhovnogo~~ Verkhovnogo Soveta SSR L.I. Brezhnevu)

6. Regarding Antonio ORDONEZ and Mateo CARDONA DE LA CRUZ and regarding wide-scale detentions of peasants followed by disappearance, and regarding a significant increase in death-squad style killings in Guatemala since campaigning began for the Presidential elections. We have requested that the actions of security forces in the Department of El Quiché be investigated, that the detention of Antonio Ordóñez and Mateo Cardona de la Cruz be acknowledged and that facts be given regarding their legal status of

Sr. Ministerio de Goberración, Don Donalda Alvarez Ruiz
Palacio Nacional, Zona 1
Guatemala City, Guatemala

and of

Sr. Presidente General Kjell Laugerud Garcia
Palacio Nacional, Zona 1
Guatemala City, Guatemala

and of

Our Guatemalan Embassy
Washington, D.C. 20013

7. Regarding SHAMSUDDIN TUNO, a parliamentary candidate arrested in December, 1976, on the night of Singapore's general elections, an avowed non-communist. We have appealed for his prompt and unconditional release to

Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister
Prime Minister's Office, City Hall
Singapore 6, Republic of Singapore

and to

Dr. Benjamin Sheares, President
The Istana
Singapore 9, Republic of Singapore

Senator, I am aware that this is a time-consuming business for someone as busy as yourself, but Amnesty International has instructed us to appeal to our Senators and Representatives, and I don't want to neglect any effort that may help to combat the undeserved suffering of the persons named above.

Again, I thank you for your attention.

Respectfully yours,
Richard Corvin

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